

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/27/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to teach or suggest the limitations of the independent claims. The Applicant has claimed a method for managing the exchange of sensitive credentials between two parties in which a trust negotiation strategy is implemented which includes a novel feature of limiting the trust negotiation strategy and exchange of sensitive credentials between the two parties.

Independent claim 1 discloses a method for managing the exchange of sensitive credentials between two parties in which a trust negotiation strategy is implemented, wherein the trust negotiation strategy is implemented limiting the trust negotiation strategy and exchange of sensitive credentials between the two parties.

Independent claim 7 discloses a computer program stored on computer readable storage medium to carry out the steps of exchanging sensitive credentials between two parties in which a trust negotiation strategy is implemented, wherein the trust negotiation strategy is implemented limiting the trust negotiation strategy and exchange of sensitive credentials between the two parties, in which both an eager and a parsimonious strategy may be adopted.

Independent claim 8 discloses a data processing apparatus comprising means for exchanging sensitive credentials between two parties in which a trust negotiation strategy is implemented, wherein the trust negotiation strategy is implemented limiting

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the trust negotiation strategy and exchange of sensitive credentials between the two parties, in which both a eager and a parsimonious strategy may be adopted.

The primary difference between the claimed invention and the prior art is the wherein the trust negotiation strategy is implemented limiting the trust negotiation strategy and exchange of sensitive credentials between two parties, in which both an eager and a parsimonious strategy may be adopted.

While the prior art discloses transactions between two parties in which sensitive credentials are shared, and in which the credentials are shared either in whole or in part (Sandberg-Diment, US Patent No. 5,826,245), the prior art does not disclose wherein the transaction is conducted without a third party involved in the transferring or verifying of the sensitive credentials or whether they are exchanged either in whole or in part.

Blonder (EP 0 745 961 A2) discloses transferring credentials in order to authorize a transaction in which two-way pagers are used between a credit card holder and a merchant in order to verify the transaction. However, Blonder does not disclose where the data is exchanged in which both an eager and a parsimonious strategy may be adopted.

"VerticalNet and VeriSign Sign Strategic Agreement to Deliver Trusted Environment for Online B2B Transactions" in PR Newswire discloses trusted transactions between businesses conducted transaction online, but does not disclose wherein the transaction is conducted without a third party involved in the transferring or verifying of the sensitive credentials or whether they are exchanged either in whole or in part.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant should be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jennifer Liversedge whose telephone number is 571-272-3167. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 5 PM.

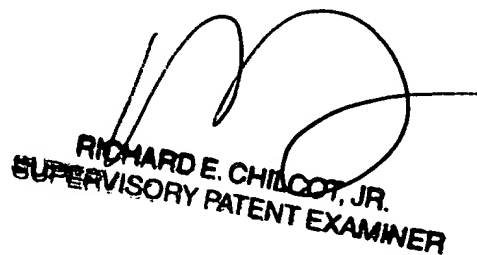
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sam Sough can be reached at 571-272-6799. The fax number for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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